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**Office Action Summary**

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09/435,718

Applicant(s)

RASMUSSEN, HOLGER

Examiner

Clark F. Dexter

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2004.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **QUAYLE ACTION**

1. The amendment filed March 31, 2004 has been entered. Due to the allowability of claim 1, the restriction has been withdrawn and claims 2 and 9-14 have been rejoined.

### ***Drawings***

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the web cutting knife set forth in claim 2 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Specification***

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 5, line 6, the specification should be updated, and it is suggested to insert -- , now U. S. Patent Number 6,354,533--.

On page 6, line 12, it seems that "dispensers designs" should read --dispenser designs--.

On page 12, line 21, the recitation "sensor plate 7 adjacent rear wall 25" as amended is inaccurate and should read --sensor plate 25 adjacent rear wall 7--.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

4. Claims 1-14 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 9, "extending" is unclear as to what it refers, and it is suggested in line 8 to insert -- , said pre-feed portion-- after "sheet material web", and in line 9 to delete the first comma ",", and to insert --said web sensing member-- after ", and" or the like; in line 13, it seems that the recitation --independently of said stop arm-- should be inserted after "mounted" or the like for clarity.

In claim 4, lines 22-23, the recitation "a working stub roll" is unclear, and it seems that it should be changed to --the reserve roll-- or the like.

In claim 5, lines 2-3, the recitation "the stub roll" is unclear, and it seems that it should be changed to --the reserve roll-- or the like.

In claim 7, line 9, "extending" is unclear as to what it refers, and it is suggested in line 8 to insert -- , said pre-feed portion-- after "sheet material web", and in line 9 to delete the first comma ",", and to insert --said web sensing member-- after ", and" or the like; in line 13, it seems that the recitation --independently of said stop arm-- should be inserted after "mounted" or the like for clarity.

In claim 9, line 1, --main-- should be inserted before "feed" or the like for clarity.

In claim 10, line 3, --main-- should be inserted before "feed" or the like for clarity.

Appropriate correction is required.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-14 are allowable over the prior art of record.

***Conclusion***

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters described above. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (703)308-1404. The examiner can be reached Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on (703)308-1082. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clark F. Dexter', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

**Clark F. Dexter**  
**Primary Examiner**  
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April 30, 2004